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SUBJECT: COMPUTER IMPORT SITUATION

REF: LAGOS 4984 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

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1. FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE HEAD ADYINKA TODAY TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE COMPUTER IMPORT AND USAGE POLICY SINCE JANUARY 18 DECREE EMBARGOING NEW COMPUTER ACQUISITIONS BY GOVERNMENT AND PLACING COMPUTERS UNDER IMPORT LICENSE HAS DECIDED ONLY THAT COMMITTEE ITSELF WILL REVIEW IMPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS. COMPUTER IS DEFINED AS ANYTHING ABOVE A PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRONIC ACCOUNTING MACHINE. LATTER IS CONSIDERED A CALCULATOR AND THUS IS NOT SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSE. HE SAID MINI-COMPUTERS THEREFORE ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MINISTRY OF TRADE HAS HAD LICENSE APPLICATION FORMS PRINTED YET. EMBASSY IS CHECKING. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. FYI: ADEYINKA SAID COMMITTEE WOULD DISCOURAGE IMPORTATION OF IBM COMPUTERS, AT LEAST UNTIL IBM'S STATUS HERE IS CLARIFIED. IT HAS UNTIL YEAR-END TO NIGERIANIZE OR FIND AGREED SUBSTITUTE. END FYI. COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCOURAGE ACQUISITION OF MORE COMPUTERS BY GOVERNMENT UNTIL IT HAS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT USAGE AND REAL NEEDS. HE SAID THERE IS SOME TALK OF

THE GOVERNMENT STARTING OWN COMPUTER INDUSTRY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM IBM OF ALL ABOVE AND NCR AND
DIGITAL OF ALL EXCEPT ABOVE FYI. PROVIDE NAMES OF ANY US
FIRMS KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED IN COMPUTER MANUFACTUREIN COUN-
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